June 14 the State of Maryland to raise & accoutre two Troops of Militia Red Book Horse properly officered, including those called for by the Act of No. 8 Letter 13 31st of May, and send them forward with all possible Expedition to the Southern Army, to serve three Months after they join the Army.

It is hoped that the present Situation of Affairs in Virginia will excite the most vigorous Exertions in Compliance with this recommendation.

June 14 Red Book No. 27 Letter 93 [Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.] (favor'd by Coll Adams)

I Have the Honor to address your Excelly in answer to a Letter from the Hon. Mr Brice, since which I Have not been favor'd with any Commands from your Hon. Board, Coll Adams applied yesterday, for one Marquee, 8 Horsemens & 76 Common Tents, & requested me with verbal directions from you to provide proper Linen, which I Have nearly done & deliver'd to Mr Poe Quarter Master, whose Business it is & who undertakes to have them made Immy I request a Line of approbation from your Board, or an order for such quantity of Linen as may be necessary for the above purposes. And as this with some Extra accot were not Estimated in my Demands, I Have directed Mr John Muir to apply for 100 Hhds Tobacco. I shall be glad to know whether I am to obey Gen. Smallwoods orders on my Department in future.

Flour comes in very slow, Mr Hollingsworth being at Anapolis disappoints my Business much. Not being able to furnish Coll. Nicholson's Troops with swords I dispatch'd a Light Waggon which I expect will be back this Morning for them & other Articles not obtainable here—am I to have any direction over the sales of Tobacco to be forwarded by Mr Key. If I am supplied there will be no occasion for seizures, it Serves but to sour the Minds of our best friends, I can purchase Cloths for 300 Coats above the Complement order'd, shall they be secur'd & prepar'd for the Troops now at Camp. It obliges me to act at Disadvantage receiving momentary orders, such as this for Tents. I could do more Justice to the State Had I more Time given.

Blue Book No. 4 Letter 15

June 16 [The Petition of Thomas Pickerel of Charles County To his Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r and the Honourable Council]

Most humbly sheweth.

That your Petitioner was draughted on Monday the 11th Inst to serve as a Regular Soldier to the 10th of December 1781

Your Petitioner is therefore under the Necessity of Shewing your Excellency & Honours that he [h] as been Subject to a Grievous Complaint in his Breast for several years past, for remedy of which he as been under the hands of Docr Gustavus R. Brown these two years past, as will appear by the Doctors Certificate.